

Amendments to the Specification:

With reference to the substitute specification and Applicant's amendment dated December 14, 2006, please amend the specification as follows:

Please amend the "Brief Description of the Drawings" as follows, to delete the language added by Applicant's previous amendment:

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE ~~DRAWINGS~~ DRAWING

The foregoing summary of the invention and the following description will be better understood in conjunction with the drawing ~~figures~~ figure, in which:

Figure 1 is a cross-sectional view of a section of a cylinder and piston unit, and a sealing collar accommodated therein, ~~taken through line 1-1 of Figure 3.~~

~~Figure 2 is a perspective view of the sealing collar of Figure 1, with the cylinder and piston unit removed for clarity.~~

~~Figure 3 is a side elevation view of the sealing collar of Figure 1, with the cylinder and piston unit removed for clarity.~~

In the "Detailed Description of the Preferred Embodiment" section, please replace the first paragraph in the section, starting on page 5, line 15, with the following paragraph:

The drawing shows, in a broken-out and cross-sectional view, a section of the housing of a cylinder 1 of a cylinder-and-piston unit 1, 15, said housing accommodating a sealing collar 3 in a groove 2. Said sealing collar 3 comprises an outside sealing lip 4 disposed radially outwards and an inside sealing lip 5 disposed radially inwards. The outside sealing lip 4 is statically stressed and laterally movable in groove 2 to a small extent only. On the other hand, a peripheral surface 14 of the piston 15, shown in a broken-out fashion, is displaced with respect to the inside sealing lip 5. An extension 6 is arranged radially between the inside sealing lip 5 and the outside sealing lip 4 and abuts with an end surface 12 of its free end on a wall 7 of the groove 2, maintaining the free ends 40, 50 of the two radially offset sealing lips

4, 5 at a distance from the wall 7. The free end of the extension 6 is provided with radial apertures 8 through which pressure fluid can propagate along the wall 7 radially inwards to a slot 9 provided between the housing of the cylinder 1 and the peripheral surface 14 of the piston 15. A corresponding displacement of piston 15 allows pressure fluid to flow from the wall 7 into a space 10 disposed behind piston 15. Fluid flow over the sealing lip 4 is possible when the pressure in an area 11 of groove 2 being disposed on a rear side 13 of the sealing collar 3 is higher than in the area of wall 7.